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Matheson Memorial Library

# NEWSLETTER

## Library Closed:

- **Monday, September 5th**
- **Friday, October 21st**



**SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2022**



# Notes from the Director

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We had a great summer here at the library, and we hope you did too! Summer always flies by around here, but we're carrying a lot of great memories with us, and look forward to doing it all over again next year.

As we enter a new school year, we would like to remind everyone that a library card is one of the best back-to-school supplies to get, not to mention the cheapest. Library cards are absolutely free, and very easy to apply for. Just visit us at the library, bring your photo ID (and a piece of mail if your ID address is different than your current one) and you'll have a card in no time. Your card not only allows you to check out the wide variety of library materials available, but it lets you access our online resources, including the popular Hoopla eBook, audiobook, and film on-demand service.

In this issue of the library newsletter, you can read all about our popular returning programs like all-ages Dungeons and Dragons, as well as some pretty exciting fall programs. We hope you can join us out at Sunset Park for Adam Winrich's amazing whip demonstration, Dave Desimone's entertaining and insightful program on Wisconsin Place Names, and a spooky visit from U.S. Paranormal Research as they go over their investigation of the old City Hall!

We'd also like to welcome Esther Weitzel as the school district's new Parent Connections Coordinator, a position previously filled by the beloved Miss Pattie. Miss Esther has lots of great programs planned, and we're absolutely thrilled to be working with her!

But that's enough from me. Please enjoy this latest issue of our latest newsletter and, as always, please contact me for any questions or concerns you have about Your Library.

# SPECIAL THANKS

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## THANKS TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT MADE OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM POSSIBLE!

One of the things that makes Matheson Memorial Library's Adult Summer Reading program such a big success are its prize drawings, and that wouldn't be possible without prizes generously donated from the following local businesses:

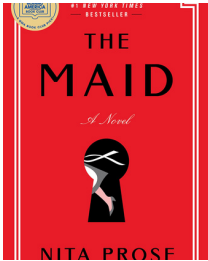
- Staller Estate Winery
- Pizza Ranch
- Moy's Restaurant
- The Elkhorn Independent
- The Janesville Jets
- Lake Geneva Ziplines & Adventures
- Studio Winery + Geneva Lake Distilling
- Dalee Water Conditioning
- Wilson Farm Meats
- Green Bay Packers
- Lake Geneva Cruiseline

- Lyle's TV & Appliance
- The Milwaukee Brewers
- The Milwaukee Zoo
- Next Door Pub
- Hardees
- The Chicago Bears

In addition, the following businesses and organizations helped with our wildlife-spotting scavenger hunt!

- Friends on the Square
- Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce
- Perkup Elkhorn
- The Boutique Closet
- J. Roberts Menswear
- Lyle's TV & Appliance
- Kullberg Jewelers
- Driven Nutrition

# BOOK CLUBS



## PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

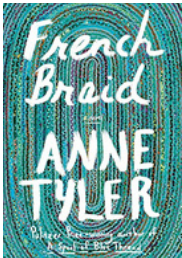
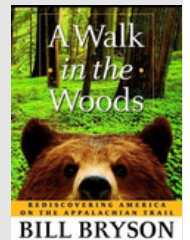
Meets on 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM

**September 7th - The Maid by Nita Prose:**

Molly Gray, a hotel maid quickly finds herself caught in a web of deception. This locked-room mystery reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.

**Wednesday October 5th - A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson**

The Appalachian Trail trail covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America, and Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you'll find. He introduces us to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks he meets along the way - and a couple of bears.



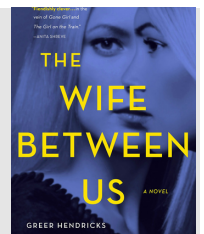
## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 PM

**September 20th - French Braid by Anne Tyler:** From the beloved best-selling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author - a funny, joyful, brilliantly perceptive journey deep into one Baltimore family's foibles.

**October 18th - The Wife Between Us**

When you read this book, you will make many assumptions. You will assume you are reading about a jealous ex-wife. You will assume you know the anatomy of this tangled love triangle. Assume nothing.



## THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

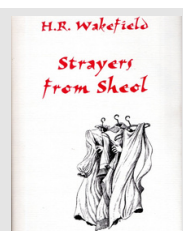
Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7PM at Friends on the Square

**September 27th - The Lottery by Shirley Jackson**

An small rural town holds its annual lottery, and the stakes are a matter of life and death.

**October 25th - The Triumph of Death by H.R. Wakefield (from Strayers from Sheol)**

A cruel woman who inhabits a haunted house tortures her maid by claiming the horrible apparitions are all in her head...





# ADULT PROGRAMS



## WHY DO WE CALL IT THAT?

**Thursday, September 8th at 6:00 PM** : Ever wonder how key places near you got their names? Learn about this and more in the exciting and informative "Why Do We Call It That?", presented by Michael Rehberg, Lead Interpreter with the Wisconsin Historical Society.

## FIRE WHIP PERFORMANCE WITH ADAM WINRICH

**Saturday, September 10th at 1:00 PM:** Having set THIRTY-ONE Guinness World Records, Adam "Crack" Winrich's whip skills are unrivaled anywhere! He was recently featured on America's Got Talent, and performs his fire whip show all across the United States. This program will be held at the basketball courts at Sunset Park.



## SHOOTING SHIPWRECKS: THE STORIES BEHIND THE PHOTOS

**Thursday, October 6th at 6:00 PM:** Cal Kothrade is an award-winning maritime artist, underwater photographer, and published dive travel author who specialized in wreck photography. He will be presenting some of his shipwreck photos, as well as telling stories of his diving adventures! This event will be in the Community Center.

## CITY HALL PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION

**Friday, October 13th at 6:30 PM:** When the Walworth County Historical Society moved into the historic City Hall Building in downtown Elkhorn, they began to notice strange phenomena throughout the dark halls and empty spaces - so they called in the experts! Please join U.S. Paranormal Research for an overview of the techniques modern ghost hunters like USPR use, and what they discovered might be lurking in the Historical Society building!



## COOKING PROGRAM: LEARN TO MAKE CHICKEN SOUP

**Thursday, October 20th at 6 PM:** Grocery prices getting you down? Learn how to cook on a budget with Sue Earle! This instructional program will show you how to make a delicious chicken soup, and offer practical advice for how to stretch your dollar when you buy groceries.

**FOR MORE VISIT: [ELKHORN.LIB.WI.US](http://ELKHORN.LIB.WI.US)**

# TEEN PROGRAMS

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

**Fridays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7 at 4pm & Sept. 23 & Oct. 28 at 5pm**

Join TAB to plan and run programs for both high school and middle school.  
Contact Jessica Dowling (jdowling@elkhorn.lib.wi.us) for more information.



## ANIME CLUB

**Thursdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 13 at 4 pm & Tuesdays, Sept. 27, & Oct. 25 at 4 pm**

Bring your friends for an hour of all things anime! For middle & high school students.

## TEEN AFTER HOURS: GHOSTS IN THE GRAVEYARD

**Friday, Sept. 23 at 6-7:30 pm**

Join us before the library closes at 6 pm and stay until 7:30 pm. We will play ghosts in the graveyard and other fun games! For middle school and high school students (ages 11-18).



## TAB'S HAUNTED HOUSE

**Friday, Oct. 28 at 6-7 pm**

A haunted house sponsored by the Teen Advisory Board!

# KID'S CLUBS

## DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

**Mondays, Sept. 12, & Oct. 10 at 6:30 pm & Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 pm**

Get your dice and come join the library for Dungeons and Dragons! Kids younger than 8 must have an adult with them.



## PAWS TO READ

**Mondays at 4:15 pm : Starting September 12 in the Storyroom**

Join some special furry friends and volunteers from the Lakeland Animal Shelter. All ages are welcome to interact and play, listen to stories, and read to the animals. Live animals will be present and confined to the Storyroom.

## POKEMON CLUB

**Tuesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11 at 4-5 pm & Thursdays, Sept. 29 & Oct. 27 at 4-5 pm**

Catch all the Pokemon fun at the library! Bring your friends for an hour of crafts, cards, and movies in the Community Room.



# KID'S EVENTS



## LEGO CHALLENGE

**Tuesdays, Sep. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 3-6pm**

Do you like to build with Lego? Younger siblings bored at Pokemon Club? Stop by the Storyroom to do some Lego building. You can follow the weekly challenge, with instructions, or free build.

## WE EXPLORE OUTDOORS

**Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 9:30 am : Let's go for a hike!**

**Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 9:30 am : Leaves**

Join Ms. Jennifer for a fun storytime and, weather permitting, an outdoor adventure exploring the family garden.



## WE EXPLORE ARTIST : ERIC CARLE

**Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 10 am**

Join us for a special storytime focused on author and illustrator Eric Carle. We will read and explore his work and recreate his art with paint, scissors, glue, and more. This special storytime is designed for kids of all ages and abilities who enjoy creating art and listening to stories.

## KIDS MAKE IT!

**Wednesdays, Sept. 14 & Oct. 5 at 3:30-5:30 pm**

This fall we will be focusing on using sewing machines. Kids will need to be able to safely operate a sewing machine and wait patiently for their turn. More experienced sewers are welcome to work on their own projects with assistance as needed.



## LAPSIT STORYTIME

**Thursdays, Sep 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 10 am**

Bring your littlest ones and join Miss Esther from EASD Parent Connections for a nurturing session of baby-centered play. Please note that some Lapsits will be run by library staff.

## FACT FINDERS

**Thursdays, Sept. 15 & Oct. 13 at 5 pm**

Do you love facts? Join our nonfiction book club and become an expert!



## FIT KIDS WITH MS. TERRI

**Wednesdays, Sept. 21, Oct. 5 & 19 at 10 am**

Keep your mind – and your muscles – jumping! Join Ms. Terri in getting your wiggles out with movement, interactive stories, and more. Families with children of all ages are invited to this active program.

# KID'S CLUBS & EVENTS

## PROJECT EXPLORE

**Wednesdays, Sept. 21, 28, & Oct. 12 from 3:30-5:30pm**

Do you like to make things? Kids and Teens are invited to drop by our pop-up Makerspace in the Storyroom. Attendees need to be able to work on their own, use materials and tools safely and responsibly, and wait patiently for assistance.



## BOOKANEERS BOOK CLUB

**Thursdays, Sept. 22 & Oct. 6 at 4:30 pm**

Become a Bookaneer and get started on an exciting journey into the world of reading!

## LET OFF STEAM!

**Monday Oct. 24 from 10-11 am**

Join Miss Esther from EASD Parent Connections and let your child's curiosity discover the world of science! An exciting theme every month.



## FAMILY STORYTIME WITH MISS ESTHER

**Tuesdays, Sept. 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 9:30-10:30am and 10:30a-11:30am**

Meet and connect with other families in our community during Miss Esther's Family Storytime. Interactive songs and stories, fun crafts, and new connections with families in your community will keep you coming back for more!

## WE EXPLORE OUTDOORS WITH MS. TERRI

**Wednesdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 12 & 26 at 10 am**

Join Ms. Terri for some special outdoor activities and stories. Children will have the opportunity to taste, touch, and explore the family garden, weather permitting, as well as learn about the natural world.



## I LIKE TO MOVE IT!

**Fridays, Sept. 30 & Oct. 14 at 10 am-11 am**

Get out of the house and join Miss Esther from EASD Parent Connections for thirty minutes of story-based movement and fun! Celebrate your heart-healthy moving by making a healthy snack together to end the session.



## CREATE A COSTUME

**Friday, Oct. 28 at 10 am-12 pm**

Do you need a fabulous costume for Halloween or just to wear every day? Drop by the library and explore our craft, sewing, and art materials and turn yourself into a superhero, robot, fairy, or monster! Sewing machines will be available to use with staff assistance.



## SPOOKY LIGHTS

**Saturday, Oct. 29 at 10-11:30 am**

Drop by the library to create a spooky candle with gel wax and a paper bag luminary. Please register so we have enough materials available for all attendees. Hot wax and sharp objects will be used, so please supervise small children. **Registration required.**





Matheson Memorial Library Fundraiser

# Trick-or-Trivia

The Monte Carlo Room  
October 22, 2022

Doors open 6:00pm, Trivia begins 7:00pm

REGISTRATION  
BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 6TH!

\$30 Ticket includes admission, tricky trivia and two Sperino's pizzas for your table. Cash bar available. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Get all the details and register by credit card at:

[www.trickortrivia.com](http://www.trickortrivia.com)

Trivia services donated by Bob Kordus of *America's Pub Quiz*.

☐ Individual Tickets \$30

Individuals will be assigned to a team

☐ Business Sponsor \$100

Recognition at event and in the library newsletter

☐ Reserve A Table For Your Own Scary-Smart Team! \$300

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return form and contribution to:

**Friends of Matheson Memorial Library**  
101 North Wisconsin Street  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

**SOLD OUT** six years in a row, so sign up TODAY!

Questions?

Contact Katie James:

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